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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
HIDEKI HONDA, et al. )  
Application No.: 10/647,273 ) Group Art Unit: 2622  
Filed: August 26, 2003 )  
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING )  
APPARATUS, JOB PROCESSING :  
METHOD AND PROGRAM, )  
AND COMPUTER-READABLE :  
MEMORY MEDIUM ) August 12, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

Japan 2001-166892


This document is discussed in the specification commencing at page 2, line 2. This document might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given therein. An English-language abstract for this document is enclosed.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

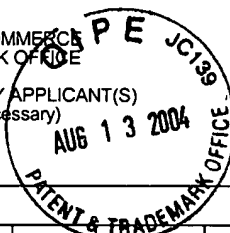
Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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